

Welcome to

Kindergarten

The "first day of school" is a great milestone for your child. I understand that you and your child may have met this day with excitement or apprehension (or a little of both). This letter is meant to inform you of what you and your child can expect out of kindergarten this year. I hope that it will answer any initial questions that you may have about this new endeavor.

Communication



I am excited to be working with your child this year and helping them to achieve their full potential. I believe that a good parent-teacher relationship is necessary for maximum school success. Throughout the year I will communicate with you as much as possible using class dojo. Class dojo is an app that can be downloaded to almost any device. This app allows me to post announcements, share photos and videos and send private messages.

Your child will have an agenda in which he/she will be bringing home daily to share with you. **The agenda needs to be signed and returned daily.** They will also have a red and blue folder. The red folder will be used for sending home your student's work and it may also contain papers that need to be signed and returned. The blue folder will be used for weekly homework.

School Attendance



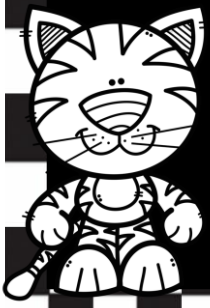
Your child's regular and prompt attendance at school is crucial to their success. I can't emphasize this point enough!!! Most kindergarten learning activities are group oriented and involve interaction with classmates. Therefore, it is next to impossible to make up work at home. Please view school as a priority, and see to it that your child attends every day except in cases of illness or emergency. If your child is going to be absent please call the school.

School begins at 8:20 a.m. The first bell rings at 8:00 a.m., students at this time are welcome to come to class or go to the cafeteria for breakfast. Parents should drop off their students at the school door, saying any "good-byes" there. This helps the child develop independence and an understanding that school is their "job" and the classroom duties (putting away their backpack, sharpening pencils, etc.) are their own responsibility.

Change of Clothes

We ask that you please send in a change of clothes in a ziploc baggie with your child's name written on the front of the bag. These clothes will only be used in case of an accident.





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Changes in Transportation



If you plan to pick up a child that normally rides the bus or you wish for your child to ride a different bus than usual, you must send a written note. Please do not rely on your child to tell me this information, because children often become confused and relay messages incorrectly. If no written note is received, your child will be sent home by their usual method of transportation

Snack



The children will have a small snack daily. The snacks need to be provided by each individual kindergartner from home on a monthly basis. Please send in a small healthy treat for the entire class once a month. We have 17 students in our class. Please make sure the snack is "PEANUT FREE"

Homework



As we all know, students who do best in school are those who do their homework with parental guidance and supervision. Every Monday your child will be receiving homework in their blue folder. Their blue folders are expected to be turned in every Friday morning. Please keep your child's blue folder at home until Friday. I only collect the folders on Friday and they will be returned on Monday.

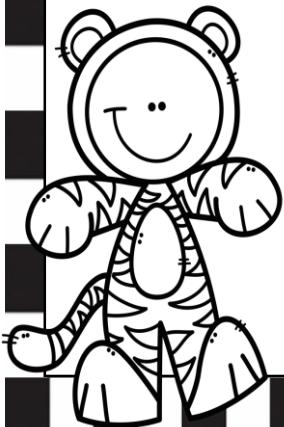
Dismissal



All students will be dismissed in an orderly fashion. It is very important to pick your child up on time. Often children will become worried if they are not picked up at the scheduled time. Children will only be released to those persons designated on the emergency card filed in the office, so please keep this card up to date!

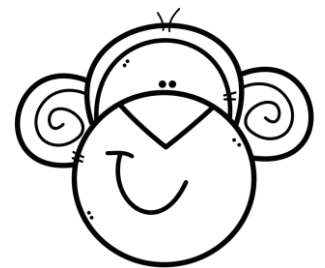
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meet Mrs. James

Hello, my name is Jenny James and I am very happy to have your child in my kindergarten classroom this year. I would like to take this time to introduce myself. I grew up in the great state of West Virginia. I graduated from The University of Charleston with my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. After that I went on to receive my Masters' Degree from Marshall University in Special Education. I began teaching at the elementary level in 2002 in Charleston, WV. I came to the state of Florida in early 2009 and began teaching in the Charlotte County school system. I was named Charlotte County teacher of the year in 2017.

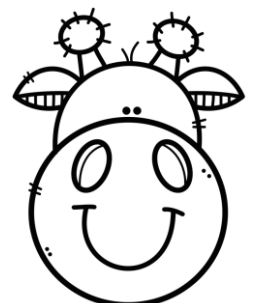


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meet Mrs. DiBene

Hello! My name is Kristi DiBene and I am really looking forward to having your child in my kindergarten class this year. I would like to share a little bit about myself!

I am from the Midwest, Omaha, Nebraska. I graduated from Central Missouri State University in 2001 with my Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology. After graduation, I lived and worked in Kansas City and then St. Louis. This is where I met my husband and we made the move to Florida. I have two boys, Vito and Gino, who have been at Sallie Jones Elementary. I also have two older step-children, Anthony and Samantha. I am certified in Elementary Education K-3 and this will be my 6th year teaching at Sallie Jones Elementary.



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